(c) Kumki lands are not reserved nor grazing grounds ordinarily. The wishes of the villagers and the extent available for grazing are taken into consideration before any grazing grounds are reserved for assignment to members of the depressed classes.

Withdrawal of jamabandi allowances payable to village officers and village menials.

* 213 Q.—Mr. P. V. KRISHNAYYA CHOUDARI: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government have recently issued orders completely stopping the jamabandi allowances given till now to village officers and menials;

(b) when these allowances were introduced by the Government and for what reasons or objects;

(c) what the reasons are that have prompted the Government to withdraw these allowances all on a sudden; and

(d) whether the Government contemplate restoring these allowances in the near future?

A.—(a) The answer is in the negative.

(b) & (c) In 1920, the Government accepted the recommendation of the Salaries Committee that village officers and servants should be given certain fixed sums towards their expenses for attending jamabandi. In 1926, the payment of the sums to village officers was discontinued in order to find money to meet the cost of giving effect to the Village Officers Restoration Act. The village menials however continued to draw the allowance at Rs. 2-8-0 per head. In 1931, the Government accepted the recommendation of the Retrenchment Committee that the amount paid to menials should be reduced to Rs. 2.

(d) The answer is in the negative.

Public Service

Alteration of the rule regarding recruitment of S.S.L.C. holders to Public Service.

* 214 Q.—Mr. P. V. KRISHNAYYA CHOUDARI: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that candidates who had secured eligibility in the S.S.L.C. Public Examinations were originally declared eligible for public service and were allowed to sit for the Public Services Commission examinations;